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WASHINGTON, December 26, 1985 -- Orders for new freight cars in November totaled 350, compared with 980 in October and 525 in November a year ago, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) and the American Railway Car Institute reported today.

Cumulative orders for the first 11 months of 1985 were 8,185, compared with 14,709 for the same period last year.

Cars placed in service in November totaled 910, compared with 1,169 in October and 1,235 in November 1984. Through 11 months of this year, 11,151 cars were delivered, compared with 11,600 a year ago.

As of December 1, the backlog of cars on order but undelivered was 1,834, compared with 2,394 on November 1, and 5,199 on December 1, 1984. Average monthly backlog so far this year is 3,580, compared with 6,245 at the same time last year.

Meanwhile, the AAR reported that 50 locomotives were placed in service in November, compared with 69 in October and 60 in November 1984.

As of December 1, the backlog of locomotives on order but undelivered totaled 75, compared with 114 on November 1, and 175 on December 1, 1984.

Taking retirements into account, the fleet of owned and leased diesel-electric locomotives on December 1 was 22,908, compared with 22,933 on November 1, and 24,507 on December 1, 1984.

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FREIGHT CARS AND LOCOMOTIVES ORDERED AND DELIVERED

AND BACKLOG OF ORDERS

ALL RAILROADS AND PRIVATE CAR LINES

DELIVERED

	November		October	Eleven Months	
	1985	1984	1984	1985	1984
Built New by Car Builders	910	1,225	1,169	10,745	11,600
Built New in R.R. Shops	0	0	0	406	0
Built New - Total	910	1,225	1,169	11,151	11,600
Rebuilt	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL DELIVERED	910	1,225	1,169	11,151	11,600
Locomotives	50	60	69	567	460

ORDERED

To be built New by Car Builders	350	525	980	8,185	14,303
To be built New in R.R. Shops	0	0	0	0	406
To be built New - Total	350	525	980	8,185	14,709
To be rebuilt	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL ORDERED	350	525	980	8,185	14,709

ON ORDER AND UNDELIVERED

	December 1		November 1	Average	
	1985	1984	1985	1985	1984
To be built New by Car Builders	1,834	4,793	2,394	3,555	6,081
To be built New in R.R. Shops	0	406	0	25	164
To be built New - Total	1,834	5,199	2,394	3,580	6,245
To be rebuilt	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL ON ORDER	1,834	5,199	2,394	3,580	6,245
Locomotives	75	175	114	221	172

Orders, Deliveries and Backlog Include Estimates for Tank Cars

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